

Literacy Links

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Coming Events:

- SCMSA Conference
Myrtle Beach
March 5-6, 2004
www.scmsa.org
- ELA/Assessment HSAP
Workshop
March 10, 2004
Columbia Conference
Center
- ELA Spring Update
March 22, 2004
SC Department of
Archives and History

For information about these programs, please refer to the November issue of *Literacy Links* or check for updates in this issue. Past issues of *Literacy Links* can be found on the State Department's web page at www.myschools.com.

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Spring 2004 English Language Arts Update

The State Department of Education will conduct a spring English language arts update for all district-level language arts coordinators and college/university literacy faculty on Monday, March 22, 2004, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia.

Registration will be held from 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., during which time we will serve coffee only. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. Lunch will be served for your enjoyment around noon.

The purpose of the meeting is to update you on important issues concerning K-12 English language arts in our state. So that the meeting will have relevance for you, however, please use the enclosed

response form to submit topics, questions, and/or concerns for discussion.

To assist you in your travel to the meeting, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History is located at 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia. For directions, please see the attachment. If you need further assistance with directions, you may call 803-896-4408.

So that we can plan appropriately, please complete the enclosed response form and return it to Judy Redman no later than Friday, March 12, 2004, if you will be able to attend the meeting. If you have questions about this information, please contact Suzette Lee by phone at 803-734-6103 or by e-mail at slee@sde.state.sc.us.

Professional Development Opportunities with Dr. Janet Allen, National Literacy Expert

Framing Best Practice: English I Curriculum and Instruction

Currently six pilot teams are meeting monthly with Dr. Allen and members of the English language arts team for professional development using a newly created curriculum that utilizes best practice.

The curriculum is aligned to the SC ELA standards for English I to help students prepare for the English I end-of-course exam. Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, the English I end-of-course test will count for 20 percent of the student's final grade in English I.

This curriculum will be organized in thematic frames that will address the English I standards.

Although these six teams will work with the pilot program this

year, a draft of the curriculum will be available to all English I teachers for the 2004-2005 school year.

Professional development for those who would like to use the curriculum will be offered June 7 and 8, 2004, in Columbia at Saluda Shoals Park. This will be a free professional development opportunity. Registration forms for this session will be in the April issue of *Literacy Links*.

Advanced Learning and Literacy Institute

This is a new institute designed for those who have attended the It's Never Too Late Institute and are familiar with Dr. Janet Allen's strategies and are ready to progress.

This institute is June 2, 3, and 4, 2004, at Airport High School in West Columbia. Additional information and registration forms are

attached to this newsletter.

Literacy Leadership Institute

This is another new institute that Dr. Allen has designed for school administrators, district personnel, literacy coaches, and higher education faculty. The goal of this institute is to help instructional leaders understand their role in creating and supporting literacy rich environments. This institute will be held July 29 and 30, 2004, in Columbia at Columbia Conference Center. Institute and registration information are attached to this issue of *Literacy Links*.

If you have any questions about the English I project or either of the institutes, please contact Allison Norwood at 803-734-2469 or anorwood@sde.state.sc.us or Caroline Savage at 803-734-4770, 843-763-1390 or csavage@sde.state.sc.us.

Bread Loaf Grants Available

The Bread Loaf School of English is pleased to announce the fifth year of a special initiative by the South Carolina Department of Education that will provide fellowships covering tuition, room, and board, and other costs up to \$6000 for four high school teachers to attend Bread Loaf in 2004. These teachers will receive professional development through content-specific coursework at Bread Loaf and networking opportunities throughout the following academic year.

Who is eligible? Applicants must be full-time public high school South Carolina teachers of English and language arts. These teachers must have completed a minimum of one year of teaching by June 2004 and must be committed to teaching in South Carolina schools in the academic year following their summer study at Bread Loaf.

Bread Loaf School of English: The Bread Loaf School is a summer graduate program of Middlebury College, offering coursework at five sites: Ripton, Vermont; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Juneau, Alaska; Lincoln College, Oxford, in England; and Guadalajara, Mexico. South Carolina fellowship recipients will spend their first summer session at the New Mexico campus, enrolling in one intensive graduate-level course in the teaching of writing and a second course in literature, creative writing, the teaching of writing, or theater.

The course work may be applied toward an M.A. or M.Lit. at the Bread Loaf School, and teachers may return for summer study at any one of the five Bread Loaf campuses.

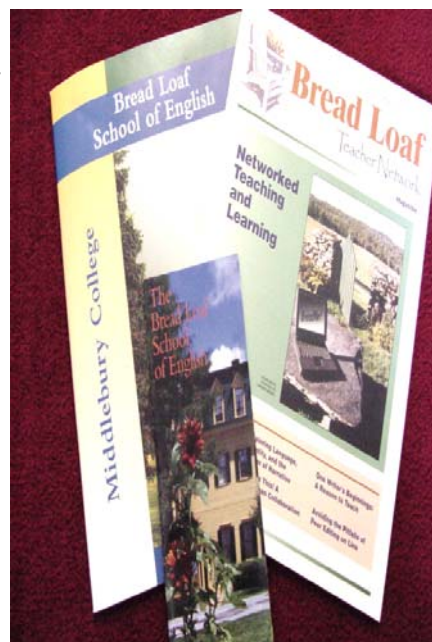
BreadNet and the Bread Loaf Teacher Network: During the summer session, the South Carolina teachers will receive training in Bread Loaf's telecommunications network, BreadNet, and they will be invited to join the Bread Loaf Teacher Network, a group of approximately 350 outstanding teachers from across the United States. They will receive support on BreadNet from Bread Loaf faculty and staff during the ensuing academic year, and become active participants in a statewide teaching and learning community dedicated to classroom inquiry and research, with special support for teachers seeking National Board Certification. South Carolina teachers will plan to remain online with other South Carolina Bread Loaf teachers as they plan and implement teaching with technology partnerships and exchanges.

Other Financial Aid: Bread Loaf offers generous financial aid to all accepted applicants with demonstrated financial need.

How to Apply: Contact the Bread Loaf School of English for an application. For more information contact Allison Norwood at 803-734-2469 or anor-

wood@sde.state.sc.us. Priority will be given to applications received by March 15, 2004. All applications should be mailed to the Bread Loaf office in Vermont.

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Wwww.middlebury.edu/blse



ELA Standards Best Practice Seminars

Frank Serafini will conduct the third set of ELA standards best practice seminars for District Leadership Teams.

A registration form for this session is at-

tached at the end of this newsletter.

If you have any questions about the seminars, please contact Cathy Jones at 803-734-0790 or cjones@sde.state.sc.us.

Registration forms for Georgia Heard will appear in the April issue of *Literacy Links*.

Date	Presenter/Topic	Grade Bands	Location
March 11, 2004	Frank Serafini The Reading Workshop	PreK-Grade 5	Columbia Conference Center
March 12, 2004	Frank Serafini Reading Aloud and Beyond: Reading Aloud with Older Read-	Grade 6-English 4	Columbia Conference Center
April 27, 2004	Georgia Heard Craft Lessons through Poetry	PreK-Grade 5	Columbia Conference Center
April 28, 2004	Georgia Heard Craft Lessons through Poetry	Grade 6-English 4	Columbia Conference Center

KidConnection: Linking Literature to Your Curriculum

KidConnection hosts and participates in literacy conference and events throughout the country. The literacy goal of KidConnection is to bring kids, authors, teachers, and books together. In these days of budget cuts, educational programs are limited. KidConnection encourages teachers to think outside the box and dream. KidConnection brings nationally known authors to you with cost effective sharing of performances and travel arrangements.

If you would like to have authors, illustrators, or storytellers visit your school, or you would like to plan a conference or workshop for your school or district, contact Annie Smith at kidconnect2002@aol.com or 843-450-5653.

Two South Carolina literary conferences have already been planned for this year.

Authors in the LowCountry

March 19-20, 2004
Allendale Primary School
4561 Allendale-Fairfax Highway
Allendale, South Carolina 29810
Featuring Authors: Barbara McGrath, Dori

Sanders, Sharon Denis Wyeth, and Brod Bagert
\$75 per person

Authors in the Mountains

March 26-27, 2004
Six Mile Elementary
777 North Main Street
Six Mile, South Carolina 29682
(15 miles from Clemson University)
Featuring Authors: Charles R. Smith, Jr., David Schwartz, Lester Laminack, Brod Bagert, Adrian Fogelin, and E.B. Lewis
\$80 per person

Each author/illustrator will present a one-hour conference session. In addition, each author/illustrator will present two hour long workshops focused on the integration of that author's work into your curriculum to address SC PACT Standards and NC End-of-Grade Standards.

Both conferences start at 7:00 P.M. Friday evening with an opening session where each of the authors/illustrators will present from his body of work. These sessions will also be open to any family with school age

children wishing to attend for the family price of \$5. An autographing session will follow. Only books purchased at the conference bookstore operated by the RL Bryan Co. will be autographed during the conference.

Conference bookstore sales pay for author/illustrator travel expenses.

The Saturday sessions will begin at 8:00 A.M. and end at 4:00 P.M. The format for both Saturday sessions will combine large group presentations and smaller workshops. Both conferences will provide box lunches for you to purchase during the 45 minute lunch break.

Registration information can be found at www.kidconnection2002.com/events.asp. Additional information is provided by Annie Smith at kidconnect2002@aol.com or 843-450-5653.

Deadline for Textbook Selection in April

On December 10, 2003, the State Board of Education approved the Instructional Materials Review Panel recommendations for textbooks for the upcoming K-5 reading adoption. The series approved by the State Board are Harcourt School Publishers, Houghton Mifflin Reading, Rigby Literacy, Scott Foresman Reading, Open Court Reading, and Wright Group Literacy.

Each of these series meets the instructional material call and is an integrated English language arts series which includes leveled texts. The instructional materials review criteria, as well as the 2002 English language arts curriculum standards and the five essential components of effective reading instruction as outlined by the National Reading Panel (phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency), were used to evaluate these series.

Each school district will determine a process for series selection. **Selections must be submitted to Jim White at the State**

Department (FAX 803-252-6130 or 888-206-8330) by April 2, 2004. Reading First schools will follow the same process and timeline as other schools and will select from the six approved series.

In order to provide schools and districts with as much information as possible to make an informed series selection, the 2004 Textbook Caravan began January 5, 2004. Publishers, State Department personnel, and RL Bryan personnel have traveled the state to assist with this process. The remaining date for the caravan is February 16 in Beaufort.

A meeting for district textbook coordinators will be held in Columbia on March 10, 2004.

If you have any questions about the textbook caravan or textbook selection, contact Cathy Jones at 803-734-0790 or cjones@sde.state.sc.us.

Education Lottery Teaching Scholarship Grants Program

The purpose of the Education Lottery Teaching Scholarship Grants Program is to support certified teachers in the public schools of the State by awarding grants not to exceed \$1,000 per year to attend the State's public and independent colleges and universities which are headquartered in South Carolina for the purposes of upgrading existing content area skills or obtaining a

Master's Degree in the teacher's content area.

For more information, please visit the Commission on High Education's web site at <http://www.che400.state.sc.us/web/Academic/SCTS/SCTSPProgram.htm> or call the Commission's main number at 803-737-2260.

Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers

6+1 Writing Traits Workshop

The Writing Improvement Network will sponsor a 6+1 Writing Traits Workshop on March 16 for grades K-2 educators and March 17 for grades 3-6 educators.

Janice Wright, Senior Associate of the Writing Traits Company, will present both days. Her dynamic workshops are a lively mixture of instruction and activities, which support participants' implementation of the 6+1 Traits of Writing.

Participants will receive the book, *6+1 Traits of Writing*, by Ruth Culham. Lunch will also be provided.

This workshop is full. If you have any questions, e-mail Cathy Chapman at

chap5971@Bellsouth.net.

SC MAPS

SC MAPS is currently scheduling its professional development calendar for the 2004-2005 school year. SC MAPS is an interdisciplinary program that meets state standards for middle school grades in language arts, math, science, and social studies. SC MAPS uses the environment, culture, and landscape of South Carolina in an interactive, hands-on approach tailored specifically for the middle school classroom.

There are a variety of workshops and graduate courses to train teachers and show them how to imbed these activities into their curriculum and implement the program in their classrooms.

SC MAPS Introductory and Advanced Workshops are available in a one-day or two-day format. The cost is a \$50 workshop fee plus a \$10 teacher materials fee.

Applications are being accepted for the fall distance learning graduate classes. Call for more details and cost listings.

For more information on any of these offerings, please contact the SC MAPS Project Office at 864-656-4579 or by e-mail at amie@clemson.edu. Be sure to check out the website at <http://www.clemson.edu/scmaps>.

Book Grants Available

The Literacy Empowerment Foundation (LEF), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, has expanded its easy Matching Book Grant Program. The Matching Book Grant Program has been expanded to allow your school to double its purchasing power on a large quantity of books at the earliest reading levels.

Under the Matching Book Grant Program, there are Guided Reading and Independent Reading Collections available. Guided Reading Collections consist of six copies each of 18 different titles. Independent Reading Collections consist of one copy each of 108 titles. Each book is clearly labeled with its Guiding Reading level. This is a limited time offer that requires no special screen-

ing application.

With each set of Guided Reading and/or Independent Reading Collections purchased at the regular price, an additional set of books will be included free of charge. We are happy to announce that we have increased the limit of the Matching Book Grant to \$5,000 per school. A school can not order up to \$10,000 worth of books and pay only \$5,000.

Orders must be received by April 30, 2004

You can obtain an easy Matching Books Grant order form at <http://www.colorcodedbooks.org/lef/index.htm>.

***“Reading is
the mind that
exercise is to
the body.”***

Richard Steele

SC Reading First Update

We are continuing to offer our SC Reading First workshop series to SCRF participants. This series is intended to provide an overview and common language regarding the five essential components of reading studied by the National Reading Panel: comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, phonics, and phonemic awareness. At the present, all workshops are full.

These workshops will be open to all K-3 teachers and K-12 special education teachers sometime next school year. Schedules and registration information will be shared in future issues of *Literacy Links*.

Women's History Month and South Carolina Day

March may have come in like a lamb, but the month has the potential to stir up quite a few classrooms.

March is the month designated for Women's History, and March 18 is the chosen date to celebrate South Carolina Day.

To assist you in planning authentic lessons, suggested fiction and non-fiction books, websites, and activities are available. To access these suggestions, visit http://www.myschools.com/offices/sco/social_studies/social.htm.

If you have any questions about Women's History or South Carolina Day, contact James Bryan at 803-734-0322 or jbryan@sde.state.sc.us.

Writing Opportunities for Students

South Carolina Young Writers' Conference

The South Carolina Young Writers' Conference is sponsored by the South Carolina State Council of the International Reading Association, South Carolina Council of Teachers of English, South Carolina Association of School Librarians, South Carolina Arts Commission, South Carolina State Department of Education, South Carolina Writing Project, and South Carolina Middle School Association.

Each public school district in South Carolina is invited to send elementary, middle school, and high school students to participate in the conference. The number of students eligible from each district is determined by the student enrollment of the district.

Students have the opportunity to hear and work with at least two professional writers during the conference. This year's authors are Ben Mikaelson, Helen Lester, David Harrison, Sara Holbrook, Joyce Hansen, and Sally Plowden.

Approximately 400 students attend the

yearly conference. Elementary school student groups, middle school student groups, and high school student groups each follow their own schedule during the day. Each group has its own sessions with the authors.

All expenses are paid by the professional organizations that sponsor the Young Writers' Conference so that there is no charge for students to attend this day long session.

This year's conference will be held on Saturday, March 27, at Ballentine Elementary School. Registration will be from 8:45 to 9:25 A.M. and sessions will begin at 9:30 A.M. The conference will adjourn at 2:00 P.M.

Students will have an opportunity to work with authors on the craft of writing. Time is available to have books personally autographed by the authors.

If you have questions about the conference, contact Caroline Savage at 803-743-4770, 843-763-1390, or csavage@sde.state.sc.us.

Reading Rainbow and ETV's 10th Annual Young Writers and Illustrators Contest

Few things capture a child's imagination like a good book. Here's an opportunity for you to encourage children to create their own stories. ETV is teaming up with the Emmy Award-winning series *Reading Rainbow* to promote children's love of literature and an appetite for learning.

To support this program and encourage children's creative expression, *Reading Rainbow* and ETV are presenting the 10th Annual Young Writers and Illustrators Contest, a national contest encouraging children kindergarten through third grade, to write and illustrate their own story. Last year 43,000 young students entered the contest and a student from Summerville, SC, was a national Grand Prize winner.

The deadline for the contest is March 31, 2004. Official rules, this year's entry form, and a one page color flyer are attached to this newsletter. South Carolina's winning stories for 2003 can be accessed at www.scetv.org/readytolearn/rrcontest.

SC Reading Initiative Extends to Middle Grades

The South Carolina Reading Initiative-Middle Grades (SCRI-MG) continues its journey, working intensively with 34 literacy coaches from 26 participating districts. The first SCRI initiative served grades K-5, but this year the Governor's Institute of Reading funded the initiative in the middle grades.

The initiative meets three days each month, working with university faculty and regional coaches. In January, each of the two cohorts began a new course of study—Methods in the Teaching of Reading. Ten professional books are used in each course as a basis for strengthening teaching background knowledge on the teaching of reading and writing.

In addition to the professional texts, the initiative also incorporates young adult literature into the curriculum. These novels are used in the classroom for literature circles, guided reading, and read aloud.

Coaches are keeping writer's notebooks, observation logs, and reading dialogue journals. All coaches have developed a draft curricular plan for the demonstration classroom they want to create based on the research and readings from the monthly study.

An intensive three-week course in June will conclude the training for year 1 of SCRI-MG.



First year literacy coach Tammy Snipes in Chester County uses *No More Dead Dogs* as a read aloud in her eighth grade English class as a springboard for her students' writing.

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The Office of Curriculum and Standards provides statewide leadership and services to schools and districts to ensure the implementation of grade-level standards-based instruction for all students.

We accomplish this by:

- developing and revising academic standards and expanding support materials;
- promoting the use of effective evidence-based instructional practices by schools and districts; and
- facilitating the implementation of programs, projects, grants, and activities that support standards-based instruction

**South Carolina Education Related
Events and Conferences
2004**

MARCH

5-7 SC Middle School Association
Annual Conference, Convention
Center, Myrtle Beach

19 Social Studies Coordinator's
Meeting, TBA, Columbia

22 ELA Spring Update

26 Upstate Schools Consortium
Leadership Series, Furman Uni-
versity, Greenville

APRIL

2 SC Geographic Bee, State Mu-
seum, Columbia

MAY

No meetings at this time

JUNE

2-4 Janet Allen Advanced Institute,
Columbia

7, 8 English 1 Curriculum Project Pro-
fessional Development, Columbia

14-18 SC Middle School Association
Summer Institute, Furman Univer-
sity, Greenville

20-25 SCASA Summer Leadership Insti-
tute, The Kingston Plantation,
Myrtle Beach

27-30 Education and Business Summit,
North Charleston Convention
Center

JULY

29, 30 Janet Allen Leadership Institute

AUGUST

No meetings at this time

Registration Form

English Language Arts Curriculum Standards Best Practice Seminars

Seminar 4: Reading Aloud and Beyond: Reading Aloud with Older Readers *with Dr. Frank Serafini* March 12, 2004

This seminar is for teachers and administrators in grades six through English 4.

Each district may send three people to this session. A waiting list will be started if all slots are not filled.

Instructions: To register for this seminar, please complete this form and mail it and a ***check made payable to SCIRA for \$50.00*** to Judy Redman at Post Office Box 10101, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731. Payment is due with registration. No purchase orders will be accepted. Participation will be on a first-come with check, first-served basis. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to registrants with directions and details for the seminar. Unless you receive a confirmation, do not consider yourself registered. **If you have any questions concerning your registration, please contact Judy Redman at jredman@comporium.net.** If you have any questions concerning the seminar, contact Cathy Jones at 803-734-0790 or cjones@sde.state.sc.us.

Please provide the following information.

Name _____

Position _____ Grade _____

District _____

School _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Home Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Registration Form

English Language Arts Curriculum Standards Best Practice Seminars

Seminar 3: *The Reading Workshop with Dr. Frank Serafini*

March 11, 2004

This seminar is for teachers and administrators in prekindergarten through grade five.

Each district may send three people to this session. A waiting list will be started if all slots are not filled.

Instructions: To register for this seminar, please complete this form and mail it and a ***check made payable to SCIRA for \$50.00*** to Judy Redman at Post Office Box 10101, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731. Payment is due with registration. No purchase orders will be accepted. Participation will be on a first-come with check, first-served basis. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to registrants with directions and details for the seminar. Unless you receive a confirmation, do not consider yourself registered. **If you have any questions concerning your registration, please contact Judy Redman at jredman@comporium.net.** If you have any questions concerning the seminar, contact Cathy Jones at 803-734-0790 or cjones@sde.state.sc.us.

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Mailing Address_____

Telephone (_____)_____Fax (_____)_____

E-mail_____

Home Address_____

Telephone (_____)_____Fax (_____)_____

E-mail_____

Response Form

Spring English Language Arts Update

March 22, 2004

Instructions:

If you plan to attend the statewide English language arts update on March 22, 2004, please complete this form and either mail, fax, or e-mail it to Judy Redman according to the information provided below. Please respond by Friday, March 12, 2004.

Judy Redman
Post Office Box 10101
Rock Hill,
South Carolina 29731

Fax: 803-329-1952
Email: jredman@comporium.net

Check this box if you plan to attend. You do not need to return this form if you do not plan to attend the spring update.

☐ **I plan to attend.**

Name_____

Position_____

District/College/University_____

Email Address_____

List items that you would like placed on the agenda or questions that you would like answered.

Directions to the SC Department of Archives and History

8301 Parklane Road

Columbia, SC

If driving **from downtown Columbia** take Bull Street (Highway 277 North) eight miles to the Parklane Road exit. At the traffic light turn left onto Parklane Road. Cross the bridge and the History Center is on the left.

If driving **from Charlotte** on Interstate 77 South take exit 18, Highway 277 and then take the Parklane Road exit. Turn right onto Parklane Road and the History Center will be on the left.

If driving **from Charleston** on Interstate 26 West take exit 116 Charlotte Interstate 77 North. Off of I-77 North take exit 19 Farrow Road (Highway 555 South). At the traffic light on Farrow Road turn left onto Parklane Road. The History Center is three tenths of a mile on the right.

If driving **from Greenville/Spartanburg** on Interstate 26 East take exit 107B Interstate 20 East. On I-20 East take exit 73B Interstate 77 North/Highway 277 North. Take the Parklane Road exit off Highway 277 North and turn left at the traffic light. Cross the bridge and the History Center is on the left.

If driving **from Augusta** on Interstate 20 East take exit 73B Interstate 77 North/Highway 277 North. Take the Parklane Road exit off Highway 277 North and turn left at the traffic light. Cross the bridge and the History Center is on the left.

If driving **from Florence** on Interstate 20 West take exit 76A Interstate 77 Charlotte/Charleston. Veer to the right on Interstate 77 North Charlotte and then take exit 19 Farrow Road (Highway 555 South). At the traffic light on Farrow Road turn left onto Parklane Road and the History Center is three tenths of a mile on your right.

If driving **from the Columbia Airport** turn left towards Columbia on Highway 302. Take the exit for Interstate 26 West (Spartanburg). On I-26 West take exit 107B Interstate 20 East (Florence). On I-20 East take exit 73B Interstate 77 North/Highway 277 North. Take the Parklane Road exit off Highway 277 North and turn left at the traffic light. Cross the bridge and the History Center is on the left.



**READING RAINBOW'S TENTH ANNUAL YOUNG WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS CONTEST
ENTRY FORM (type or print legibly)**

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Circle Grade: **Kindergarten** **1st Grade** **2nd Grade** **3rd Grade** Sex: **F** **M**

Title of Story _____

Number of Words _____ **Grades K-1 min of 50-max of 200 words;**
(The word count includes "a," "an," & "the.") **Grades 2-3 min of 100- max of 350 words**

Number of Illustrations _____ **(minimum of 5)**

By entering the *Reading Rainbow's Young Writers and Illustrator's Contest*, I give permission for GPN/WNED (owners of *Reading Rainbow*) to use this work, which will be credited to the entrant/author, as it wishes, including (but not limited to) display, promotion, reproduction and distribution in all media and the right to create, perform, display and distribute derivative works. I also give them the right to use the entrant/author's name, likeness and biographical material in connection with the work. I understand that stories may not be returned by local stations.

I release GPN/WNED, their parent companies, sponsors, and the officers, directors, employees, licensees and successors from any liability or claimed liability in connection with this Contest submission.

I acknowledge that I have read this consent and release prior to signing it and that I understand its contents.

I warrant that this child alone has created the story text and illustrations for this Contest.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

If different than child's address above:

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

If this is a school-related entry, the following must be completed:

Signature of Teacher _____

Printed Name _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ School Phone (____) _____

Deadline for receipt of entries and
entry address is:



National Literacy Leadership Institute
July 28-29, 2004
Columbia Conference Center
Columbia, SC

Good Minds—Shared Vision—Concerned Leadership
Working together to ensure no child is left behind

Join nationally recognized literacy leaders and administrators from across the country in Columbia, South Carolina, for the National Literacy Leadership Institute led by Dr. Janet Allen. During the two days, we will explore foundations that help literacy leaders navigate the cross-currents of high-stakes testing, standards-based mandates, funding and resource issues, and the diverse needs of faculty, staff and students.

What will you get from this institute? You will develop knowledge of and strategies for implementation in the following areas of literacy leadership:

- Components of effective literacy instruction
- Connections between school culture, team building, and shared vision
- Instructional models that support differentiated instruction
- Curriculum that is meaningful, purposeful and relevant
- Assessments that inform instruction
- Professional development that creates site-based leadership
- Intervention models that meet diverse needs of learners
- Planning for standards-framed curriculum and instruction
- Research base for literacy and leadership
- Systems and structures that support academic achievement
- Components of mandated tests
- Meeting the needs of English Language Learners

What is the format for the institute?

- Days begin with keynotes by Dr. Janet Allen where she shares research and effective practice for literacy.
- Keynotes are followed by morning and afternoon breakout sessions focused on the critical knowledge areas of literacy leadership.
- Each day ends with keynotes by literacy leaders, Dr. Antonia Issa Lahera and Dr. Bob Wortman, as they highlight the challenges and joys of leadership in difficult times.

Who should attend?

The National Literacy Leadership Institute invites participation by anyone who is or aspires to be a literacy leader. This would include administrators, coordinators, higher education faculty, literacy coaches, department chairs, and master or mentor teachers.

How do I register?

South Carolina literacy leaders may register for \$125 since the standard \$300 registration cost is being offset by the State Department of Education. Registration includes continental breakfast each day and materials for keynotes and all breakout sessions. To register, complete the attached registration form.

Registration Form
National Literacy Leadership Institute
Led by Dr. Janet Allen
July 28–29, 2004
Columbia, SC

Instructions: To register for this institute, please complete this form and mail it and a **check made payable to SCIRA for \$125.00** to Judy Redman at Post Office Box 10101, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731. Payment is due with registration. No purchase orders will be accepted. Participation will be on a first-come with check, first-served basis. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to registrants with directions and details for the institute. Unless you receive a confirmation, do not consider yourself registered. If you have any questions concerning your registration, please contact Judy Redman at jredman@comporium.net. If you have any questions concerning the institute, contact Allison Norwood at 803-734-2469 or anorwood@sde.state.sc.us or Caroline Savage at 803-734-4770 or csavage@sde.state.sc.us.

Name: _____

Position in school/district: _____

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Advanced Literacy and Learning Institute (ALL)

Airport High School
West Columbia, South Carolina
June 2-4, 2004

The *Advanced Literacy and Learning Institute (ALL)* has been designed to meet a continued professional learning need for those committed to improving the literate lives of children and adults. This institute moves beyond a basic knowledge of research, theory, and practice and into dynamic discussions and creative implementation of standards-framed curriculum, instruction, and assessment. If you have previously attended a Janet Allen *It's Never Too Late Literacy Institute*; spent time learning in your school or district with Janet Allen and other literacy educators; and committed your professional life to learning, this institute may be for you.

What Can You Expect at ALL?

The Institute hours are from 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. each day. At ALL, you can expect a daily schedule that includes the following learning opportunities:

- **Keynotes** with Dr. Janet Allen--
 - *Cleaning Out the Book Bag: Examining Research, Resolving Issues and Moving Forward*
 - *Dynamic Designs: Crafting Standards-Framed Instruction That Is Purposeful, Meaningful and Relevant*
 - *Assessment—The Missing Link!*
- **Presentations** by educators who have designed powerful practices—
 - Choose from **at least** six different presentations during each breakout session;
 - Participate in demonstrations of practices that have transformed classrooms and schools; and,
 - Examine critical elements of powerful practices.
- **Workshops** by educational facilitators—
 - Discuss critical elements of powerful practices;
 - Design curriculum and instruction that is supported by research and meets the needs of your students; and
 - Share powerful practice ideas with colleagues.
- **Dialogue Groups/Panel Discussions** led by educators—
 - Explore job-alike issues;
 - Brainstorm ideas for overcoming obstacles to student success;
 - Discuss reform issues; and
 - Develop common language for uncommon practices.

What is the Cost?

South Carolina educators may register for \$175 for since the \$420 registration cost is being offset by the State Department of Education. The cost for ALL includes a comprehensive handbook of materials from all keynotes and presentations as well as annotated lists of resources and research to support implementation of the goals of the institute.

Registration Form
Advanced Literacy and Learning Institute (ALL)
Led by Dr. Janet Allen

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Instructions: To register for this institute, please complete this form and mail it and a **check made payable to SCIRA for \$175.00** to Judy Redman at Post Office Box 10101, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731. Payment is due with registration. No purchase orders will be accepted. Participation will be on a first-come with check, first-served basis. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to registrants with directions and details for the institute. Unless you receive a confirmation, do not consider yourself registered. If you have any questions concerning your registration, please contact Judy Redman at jredman@comporium.net. If you have any questions concerning the institute, contact Allison Norwood at 803-734-2469 or anorwood@sde.state.sc.us or Caroline Savage at 803-734-4770 or csavage@sde.state.sc.us.

Name: _____

Position in school/district: _____
(If you are a teacher, please include your subject area and/or grade level.)

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